

**Minutes of City of Oxford Historic Preservation Commission  
April 12, 2005**

Present were:

Goodloe Lewis, presiding  
Sara Davidson  
Teresa Flautt  
Cody Giles  
Keith Mansel  
J. Renee Moore  
Cynthia Parham  
Judy Riddell  
Phyllis Yarbrough

Item #1 - Call to Order

After the meeting was called to order, the following business was transacted:

Item #2- Approval of Minutes from last meeting, held March 8, 2005 .

Motion by Commissioner Ridell to approve minutes  
Second by Commissioner Flautt  
All members present voting Aye.

Item #3 - Continued Discussion of the Square Preservation District

Commissioner Flautt commented that with objection having been voiced by at least 33 1/3 % of property owners in the proposed district that the Commission should decline to recommend creation of the district to the Board of Aldermen at this time. Therefore, no vote was taken.

Item #4 - Election of Officers

Commissioner Flautt raised the question regarding staggered expiration of three year terms and there was a brief review of the current officers' terms.

Brief discussion took place regarding appointment of a commission member who owns property on the Square, including a member of the group which openly voiced opposition to the proposed district. Consensus was that such member would be welcome, but that appointment was under the purview of the Board of Aldermen.

Election of officers took place as follows:

- Chair - Commissioner Mansel nominated Commissioner Lewis to continue as Chair. Commissioner Davidson seconded. There being no further nominations, Commissioner Yarbrough moved to close nominations, with second by Commissioner Parham. Commissioner Lewis was elected by acclamation.
- Vice Chair - Commissioner Lewis nominated Cody Giles. Commissioner Davidson seconded. There being no further nomination, Commissioner Parham moved to close nominations, with second by Commissioner Yarbrough. Commissioner Giles was elected by acclamation.

- Secretary - Commissioner Lewis nominated Commissioner Yarbrough to continue as Secretary. Commissioner Riddell seconded. There being no further nominations, Commissioner Lewis moved to close nominations, with second by Commissioner Flautt. Commissioner Yarbrough was elected by acclamation.

#### Item #5 - Preservation Award

Commissioner Yarbrough reported that she discussed the way in which awards were handled in the cities of Laurel and Canton. In Laurel, a city proclamation is made at the City Council meeting and a sign placed in the recipient's yard. In Canton, a Community Improvement Award is given and recognized by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, with a plaque being awarded during National Historic Preservation Week.

Discussion was had regarding whether the proposed award in Oxford would require a recipient property to be located within a historic preservation district. Discussion indicated that location within a designated historic, although desirable, was not necessary, as there are several deserving properties which are not located within a preservation district which should not be overlooked. A proposed design for the award will be brought forth by Commissioner Lewis at the next meeting.

#### Item #6 - Business Sign, Walker

No discussion or vote took place on a proposed design/placement of a business sign for Walker Realty, as Ms. Walker was unable to attend. The matter was left open for consideration at a later meeting

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m..